

Health and Safety Policy

Introduction

This is the Health and Safety policy of Boxingtots Ltd.

Boxingtots recognises the responsibility it has to its employees/volunteers under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the provisions of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999.

This policy applies to all staff and volunteers.

This policy will be reviewed annually. However as this policy is a working document, any areas identified in need of change should be noted and the policy should be reviewed at the first available opportunity.

General Statement

It is the declared and committed policy of Boxingtots Ltd as an employer to be concerned for and attentive to, the needs and expectations of its volunteers in respect of health and safety at their place of work (this includes working out of the office), so far as is reasonably practicable.

Responsibilities of the Boxingtots Ltd as the employer Boxingtots Ltd has a responsibility to:

- Provide a suitable and acceptable environment in which to work
- Provide and maintain a safe and healthy working environment
- Set and maintain appropriate standards of safety, health and cleanliness
- Carry out regular health and safety risk assessments
- Ensure that staff/volunteers are made aware of the Boxingtots Ltd Health and Safety

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Responsibilities of staff and volunteers

Staff/Volunteers must take all reasonable care for their own individual health and safety, and be concerned for any other persons who may be affected by their own acts or omissions.

In particular, staff/volunteers have a responsibility to:

- Know, or seek explanation of, and observe the Boxingtots Ltd Health and Safety Policy.
- Conduct themselves as to promote and maintain a safe, healthy, clean and tidy environment in the best interests of all concerned.
- Ensure that floor space, passage ways and stairs are kept tidy and are not subject to any dangerous obstructions.
- Report any incidents, situations or any safety hazard which may lead to injury or damage.

Responsible Person

The application of this policy is the responsibility of the Boxingtots Ltd H&S officer, who is the designated "Responsible Person" for the premises.

The responsibility of the Responsible Person extends to all aspects of this policy, including information, training and induction of volunteers.

Boxingtots Ltd responsible person is: Colin Heath – Co-founder & Director

Competent Person

Responsible Person shall appoint a Competent Person and ensure they are fully trained. The name of the Competent Person shall be made known to the rest of the Boxingtots Ltd staff/volunteers and the Board.

Boxingtots Ltd competent person is: Colin Heath – Co-founder & Director

Information

Staff/volunteers will be advised of the responsibilities of Boxingtots Ltd on health and safety matters.

All staff/volunteers will also be provided with safety information in respect of hazards, risks and any preventative measures that affect their workplace.

Staff/volunteers will also be told the names of the appropriate Responsible Person, Competent Person and First Aider(s) if applicable.

Training

All staff/volunteers will be given suitable training in the steps required to ensure safe working. Upon appointment, new staff/volunteers will undergo a safety induction briefing.

Statutory requirements and standards

The Responsible Person shall ensure that all reasonably practical steps are taken to comply with statutory standards in respect of workplace hazards

Risk assessments

Risk assessments shall be carried out at all Boxingtots Ltd premises in order to identify hazards, determine risks, and put in place any necessary preventative measures.

Risk assessments will be conducted by the Competent Person, in consultation with the appropriate staff member(s)/volunteers.

Risk assessments shall be recorded in writing, and be subject to an annual review. If circumstances change (for example new offices) it may be necessary to undertake an earlier review.

Handling (amend as appropriate a/b)

- a. Boxingtots Ltd has a policy of not handling members with physical difficulties, as staff/volunteers/members have not received the appropriate training. Members who need physical help should have a Carer in attendance to give aid when necessary.
- b. All Boxingtots Ltd staff/volunteers will receive training on the appropriate handling of members with physical difficulties. This training will be carried out at the volunteer's induction and will follow Health and Safety Executive regulations. Training in the handling of members will be reviewed yearly by volunteers and the employer to ensure HSE updates are being adhered to.

Concerns over safety

All employees/volunteers of Boxingtots Ltd have the right and responsibility to raise any matters concerning health and safety with the appropriate responsible person.

Any staff/volunteer, who considers that a health and safety issue has not been dealt with satisfactorily, may discuss the matter with their Line Manager/supervisor, with a view to pursuing the matter either informally, or through the grievance procedure.

Hazards

Staff/volunteers are requested to advise the Responsible Person of any malfunction or signs of wear and tear which are dangerous, in respect of any electrical appliances or other equipment situated in the Boxingtots Ltd premises.

Employees/volunteers are instructed to ensure that all electrical equipment is switched off and left in a safe condition after use.

The Responsible Person will ensure that all Boxingtots Ltd electrical equipment is subject to annual safety testing where appropriate.

Emergency procedures

Procedures will be established by the Responsible Person for the emergency evacuation of the office in line with the building procedures.

All employees, volunteers, and sub-contractors working on Boxingtots Ltd premises will be informed of the procedures and notices will be displayed prominently to advise visitors of the procedures.

Employees/volunteers should be familiarised with the site and operating instructions of any fire extinguishers situated on Boxingtots Ltd premises.

Accidents

Serious accidents shall be reported immediately to the Responsible Person or the most senior person available at the time and to the Responsible Person as soon as practicable.

Where necessary, an ambulance shall be called or other transport provided to take the injured person to the nearest Hospital Accident / Casualty Department.

Equipment that might have contributed to the accident should be isolated and any obstructions removed.

All serious accidents will be investigated thoroughly by the Responsible Person.
All minor accidents shall be reported to the staff/volunteers' line manager, and first aid provided if appropriate.

All accidents (major or minor) must be recorded in the Office Accident Book. The location of the accident book will be made known to all staff and volunteers.

In the event of any accident near misses the staff member/volunteer should report the incident to the Responsible Person, who will record the incident.

First Aid

Where possible, a member of staff/volunteer shall undergo first aid training and will be appointed the office First Aider.

Boxingtots Ltd premises shall have a First Aid Box.

All staff/volunteers will be informed of the location of the first aid box.

The Responsible Person (or First Aider if there is one) will ensure that the contents of the First Aid Box are kept in good condition and any item used is replaced as soon as possible.

A leaflet giving general First Aid guidance will be available inside the First Aid Box.
First aid is for minor or temporary treatment only.

No member of staff/volunteer should give first aid treatment unless trained to do so.

Review

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis unless we identify a need to review the policy earlier.

POLICY DATED: 31st October 2021

REVIEW DATE: Yearly after date of policy

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following:

Risk Assessments

Lone Working Policy

Manual Handling Policy (if applicable)